



State of Connecticut
Department of Environmental Protection
Boating Division
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DEP RECEIVED STAMP

APPLICATION FOR MARINE EVENT PERMIT

Section 15-121-A6 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies states in part that no marine parade, regatta, race, tournament or exhibition requesting use of a state boat launch anywhere within the state or requiring exclusive use of a portion of a waterbody on state waters shall be permitted except as authorized by a permit issued by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). "State waters" include all inland waterbodies within the state; meaning lakes, ponds and non-tidal waterbodies. **Therefore, if your event includes plans to utilize a state boat launch or will be held on an inland waterbody, you must obtain a Marine Event Permit from the DEP. If your event is on tidal waters, which are "Federal Waters" you must contact the United States Coast Guard for authorization at:**

<http://www.uscg.mil/d1/units/seclis/>.

Fishing tournaments on state waters not requesting state law exemptions do not require a Marine Event Permit. Fishing Tournaments on Federal Waters with greater than 30 participants may require a permit from the USCG.

This application must be received by the DEP at the above address **at least 45 days** prior to the proposed event. Failure to meet this deadline may result in a denial of your application. Please note that you must complete all sections of this application. **In addition, you must submit along with your application a detailed map showing the various watercourses and areas to be utilized by participants, officials, spectator craft, boundaries of the event(s), and the locations and types of warning markers (buoys, flags or signs).** If you have any questions, please call the Boating Division at (860) 434-8638.

Applicant Information

Name of applicant in charge of event (print): _____

NOTE: this person shall be responsible for safety planning and courtesy during the event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone #'s: Home _____ Work _____ FAX _____

E-mail address: _____

Organization: _____

Organization's address: _____

Event Information

Type of event (check one): ☐ Marine Parade ☐ Race/Regatta ☐ Tournament ☐ Exhibition
☐ Other; please specify _____

Waterbody: _____

Town(s) where event will be held: _____

Event Information (continued)

Description of event: _____

Type(s) of vessels: _____

Estimated # of vessels: _____ Estimated # of spectator craft: _____

Date: _____ Start and finish times: _____ Date: _____ Start and finish times: _____

Date: _____ Start and finish times: _____ Date: _____ Start and finish times: _____

Rain Date: _____ Start and finish times: _____ Comments: _____

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What time(s) will non-participating watercraft be allowed to enter the area? _____

State Boat Launch Information

Are you planning to use a State boat launch? (check one) ☐ Yes ☐ No

NOTE: *No more than 50% of the parking spaces listed in the CT Boater's Guide may be used for your event unless authorized in writing by the department. This includes parking spaces used by spectators as well as by participants.*

Number of parking spaces requested: _____

Launch name: _____ Town: _____

Safety Information

What steps have you taken to ensure the safety of the participants and spectators? _____

Will there be safety vessels? (check one) ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, who will provide them? _____

Desired modifications to boating laws or regulations: _____

For Authorizing Agency Use Only

Municipal or Lake Authority Approval

Marine Event Permit applications require approval from the town official in charge of enforcement or the town official's designee who shall provide the event with patrols as he or she deems necessary.

Where a Lake Authority has been established by ordinance to enforce boating laws on a waterbody, Marine Event Permit applications require the approval of the Lake Authority and not the town.

Authorizing Official (print): _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Organization: _____

Signature: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____ Are enforcement patrols required? (check one) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Enforcement provider: _____ Comments: _____

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies – Section 15-121-A6

(a) No marine parade, regatta, race, tournament, exhibition or other activity requiring exclusive use of a specified portion of a water body, use of a state boating access area, or modification or suspension of the statutory and regulatory requirements and restrictions set forth in subsection (c) of this section, shall be permitted on state waters except as authorized by a permit issued by the commissioner. A permit shall not be required, however, for a tournament authorized by a permit issued by the commissioner under section 26-112-42 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The discharge of pyrotechnic displays where any part of the shooting platform or the spent shell safety fallout zone is over state waters shall be considered an exhibition.

(b) In accordance with 33 CFR Part 100, the commissioner may issue a permit for a marine parade, regatta, race, tournament, exhibition or other activity identified in subsection (a) of this section on federal waters, provided the United States Coast Guard has not approved or denied an application for such marine parade, regatta, race, tournament, exhibition or other activity identified in subsection (a) of this section. A marine parade, regatta, race, tournament, exhibition or other activity identified in subsection (a) of this section on federal waters requiring use of a state boating access area shall require a permit issued by the commissioner for authorization for such use.

(c) The commissioner may modify or suspend during a marine parade, regatta, race, tournament, exhibition or other activity identified in subsection (a) of this section the following statutory and regulatory requirements and restrictions:

(1) Numbering requirements may be modified or suspended pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 15-143 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(2) Safety devices and equipment requirements may be modified or suspended pursuant to section 15-130 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(3) Waterskiing requirements may be modified or suspended pursuant to subsection (e) of section 15-134 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(4) Speed and use restrictions may be suspended or modified pursuant to subsection (b) of section 15-121-B18 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(d) The person requesting permission to hold a marine parade, regatta, race, tournament, exhibition or other activity identified in subsection (a) of this section shall make application in duplicate on forms provided by the commissioner at least forty-five days prior to the date of the proposed event and shall provide the following information on the application:

(1) The name and address of organization holding the event;

(2) the nature and purpose of the event;

(3) information as to general public interest;

(4) the estimated number and types of spectator watercraft;

(5) the time schedule and a description of events, with times that nonparticipating craft will be allowed to enter the area;

(6) a chart or drawing showing the boundaries of the event and various watercourses or areas to be utilized by participants, officials, and spectator craft;

(7) an explanation of the system used to mark off the area;

(8) approval of the town official in charge of enforcement or the town official's designee who shall provide the event with patrols as he deems necessary; and

(9) any desired modification or suspension of regulations mentioned above with the reasons for the request.

(e) The person obtaining permission to hold such event shall be responsible for safety in the event area and shall display during the event such warning flags or other marine event warning devices as specified in the permit so that at least one will be seen by all the nonparticipating watercraft. Marine event warning devices shall meet the following specifications:

(1) **Marine event warning flags:** Each warning flag shall be orange in color and shall measure 24 inches by 24 inches. Each flag shall be made of nylon, plastic, or other waterproof material and shall be supported by a fiberglass mast not less than 48 inches nor more than 72 inches in length. Each mast shall be fixed to a float of styrofoam or similar flotation material orange in color and of sufficient size and stability to support the masted flag in a vertical upright position. Such marker shall be placed and held in its authorized location by the use of an anchor and line. Such anchor shall be made of concrete or metal and the anchor line shall be of sufficient length and tensile strength to insure restricted marker movement and retrieval of the anchor.

(2) **Marine event warning buoys:** Each warning buoy shall be orange in color and cylindrical in shape. The minimum dimensions for each buoy shall be 9 inches in diameter and 60 inches in height with at least 36 inches exposure above the surface of the water. Each buoy shall be constructed of foam filled plastic or air inflated rubber or vinyl material sufficiently strong to resist puncture and abrasion during normal use. Anchoring of each buoy shall be by the same method and materials as specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(3) **Marine event fixed warning signs:** Fixed warning signs may be substituted for floating marine event warning devices during marine events such as canoe races, kayak races, raft races, and similar events when such events are held on a river or stream not more than 100 feet wide or when the use of floating warning devices described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection is not practicable, provided that no such fixed warning signs shall be placed in the water but must be placed on shore or securely suspended on a line at least 15 feet above the water at midstream. Fixed warning signs shall be not less than 2 feet square nor more than 3 feet square, shall be constructed of 3/8 inch exterior grade plywood and shall be painted orange on both sides with the words "MARINE EVENT IN PROGRESS" in block style black letters at least 3 inches in height on the side which faces water traffic entering the event area.

(4) **Night Events:** Marine event warning devices authorized for night events shall be the same as described in subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of this subsection, except that they shall incorporate reflectorized materials as follows:

(A) Warning flags. A 2 inch wide orange reflectorized band along the entire perimeter of the flag on both sides of the flag.

(B) Warning buoys. A 2 inch wide orange reflectorized band around the buoy at its top and a second 2 inch wide orange reflectorized band around the buoy 12 inches below the top band.

(C) Fixed warning signs. A 2 inch wide orange reflectorized band along the entire perimeter of the sign on both sides of the sign.

(f) Nonparticipating watercraft shall not enter the event area while the marine event warning devices described in subsection (e) of this section are displayed except that the official in charge of the event may allow nonparticipating watercraft to enter the event area at such times that will not interfere with the progress of the event or its participants.